

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 GEORGE 00841 300754Z

11

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 AID-05 EB-07 CIEP-01 TRSE-00 STR-04 OMB-01

CEA-01 COME-00 IO-13 SAM-01 SAJ-01 /110 W

----- 092967

R 291920Z APR 76

FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2754

INFO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

USLO PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0841

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, GY, TW, CH

SUBJECT: GUYANA REDUCES TRADE WITH TAIWAN UNDER CPR PRESSURE

1. ON APRIL 28 GOG FONMIN WILLS TLD ME THAT THE CHINESE CHARGE HSU CHIA-SAN HAD MADE FORMAL PROTEST LAST WEEK ABOUT PRSENCE IN GEORGETOWN HARBOR OF M/VUNION CONCORD FLYING TAIWANESE FLAG. AT SAME TIME CHARGE MADE FORMAL DEMARCHE ABOUT CONTINUING SUBSTANTIAL IMPORTS OF ALLEGEDLY NON-ESSENTIAL ITEMS BY GUYANA FROM TAIWAN.

2. WILLS SAID GUYANA IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN IN 1975 WERE GUYANESE DOLS 3 MILLION (GUYANESE DOLS 2.55 EQUALS US DOLS 1) WHILE FIRST QUARTER 1976 IMPORTS HAD GONE UP TO GUYANESE DOLS 2 MILLIN. AS TO TAIWANESE FLAG VESSEL, WILLS SAID HE EXPALINED TO CHARGE THAT GOVT TRADING CORPORATION HAD BEEN ABLE TOOBTAIN VESSEL ON CHEAP CHARTER AND THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE CHARTERS WHERE EVER THEY COULD MAKE BEST BARGAIN. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT TRADE ITSELF WAS IMPROPERLY MANAGED FROM GUYANA'S SOCIALIST OBJECTIVES AND AGREED WITH CHARGE THAT THOROUGH OVERHAUL WAS NEEDED.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 GEORGE 00841 300754Z

3. WILLS LAID THE BLAME FOR TRADE MISMANAGEMENT AT DOOR OF TRADE MINISTER GEORGE KING WHO HE SAID WAS GRANTING IMPORT LICENSES RIGHT AND LEFT FOR GOODS FROM TAIWAN. HE SAID ON THIS ACCOUNT AND BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN INEPT IN OTHER FACETS OF HIS JOB, KING WAS UNDER HEAVY CLOUD BUT THAT BURNHAM WOULD NOT DUMP HIM FROM CABINET UNTIL AFTER NEGOTIATIONS FOR NATIONALIZATION OF BOOKER-MCCONNELL HOLDINGS WERE COMPLETED. HE EXPLAINED THAT KING'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH BOOKERS HAD GIVEN HIM INSIDE KNOWLEDGE ON WORKINGS OF BOOKER MCCONNELL ORGANIZATION WHICH BURNHAM REGARDED AS ESSENTIAL DURING NEGOTIATIONS AND TRANSITION TO GOVT OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL.

4. WILLS CONCLUDED THAT CABINET HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO EXTERNAL TRADE BUREAU (ETB) THAT ALL PENDING LICENSES FOR IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WERE TO BE CANCELLED (WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE FROM LOCAL CHINESE MERCHANT). WILLS SAID ETB WOULD THEN INVIGILATE SUBMISSION OF APPEALS INVOLVING HARDSHIP CASES WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO MINISTERIAL REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT. INSTRUCTIONS WERE BEING GIVEN TO ETB WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR OVERALL RATIONALIZATION OF IMPORT LICENSING SO AS TO GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO PRODUCTS OF CARICOM ORIGIN AND WOULD SEEK TO ELIMINATE, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, SO-CALLED NON-ESSENTIAL GOODS. LATTER MEASURE, ACCORDING TO WILLS, WAS PART OF GOVT'S DRIVE TO ACHIEVE SELF-RELIANCE

KREBS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DEMARCHE, IMPORT CONTROLS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976GEORGE00841
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760166-0247
From: GEORGETOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976048/aaaaagkx.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 MAY 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <13 SEP 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GUYANA REDUCES TRADE WITH TAIWAN UNDER CPR PRESSURE
TAGS: ETRD, GY, TW, CH
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006